

MISSOURI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, MO

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Curtis at 8:30 a.m. In attendance from Citizens of the World - Kansas City (CWC-KC) – Luke Norris (chair), Jacob Littrell (Vice), Kristen Ellis Johnson (Secretary), Brett Hembree (Treasurer), Joy Vann-Hamilton, Kristin Droege (Executive Director); From CWC Network - Christian Cutter, Krupa Desai, Andrea Arroyo, Andrew Hodgson; From MCPSC – Delbert Scott, Alicia Hearld, John Wright, Susan Cole, Peggy Taylor, Kent Farnsworth, Robbyn Wahby (Executive Director).

The purpose of the first portion of the meeting was to interview members of the Citizens of the World – Kansas City. At the conclusion of the interview, at 10:10 a.m., Susan Cole moved to recess until 10:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Wright and was unanimously approved.

Deborah reopened the meeting at 10:23 and entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from May 29, 2015 and July 7, 2015 meetings. The motion to approve was made by Kent Farnsworth and seconded by John Wright. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Commission discussed the request made by Kansas City Public School (KCPS) at the CWC-KC public hearing to be allowed additional time to respond to the CWC-KC charter application. Kent Farnsworth made a motion to give KCPS until Monday, July 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to respond. It was seconded by John Wright and unanimously approved.

Following a brief discussion in open session about the interview, Deborah considered a motion by Peggy Taylor to go into executive session to discuss legal matters as it pertains to CWC-KC sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Susan Cole and unanimously approved.

In Executive Session:

Susan Cole moved to use the model charter agreement as the contract between MCPSC and CWC-KC, with two changes: a) allow the performance section to be re-opened and modified two months after school opened, and b) academic outcomes are to be reported by subgroup. The motion seconded by Delbert Scott and was unanimously approved.

Kent Farnsworth moved that staff should proceed with the contract preparation while KCPS prepares their response and MCPSC should table consideration of sponsorship of CWC-KC until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The motion was seconded by John Write. Peggy Taylor, Susan Cole, Delbert Scott, Kent Farnsworth, John Wright and Deborah Curtis voted yes, and Alicia Herald abstained. The motion was approved.

Peggy Taylor moved that the Commission return to open session. It was seconded by Delbert Scott and unanimously approved.

Kent Farnsworth moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Delbert Scott and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.